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Media Advisory

THREE PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED IN JULY ON DRAFT REVISIONS TO NEW JERSEY STATEWIDE WATER SUPPLY PLAN

(17/PXX) TRENTON – The Department of Environmental Protection today released draft revisions to the New Jersey Statewide Water Supply Plan and scheduled three public hearings this summer on the draft proposal, Commissioner Bob Martin announced.

The New Jersey Water Supply Management Act (N.J.S.A. 58:1A-1 et. seq.) directs the DEP to develop and periodically revise the New Jersey Statewide Water Supply Plan to improve the management and protection of the state's water supplies. The current plan was last revised and adopted in 1996.

The draft revisions are available here: www.nj.gov/dep/watersupply/wsp.html

The DEP will conduct public meetings on the draft plan on these dates:

- Tuesday, July 11 at 1 p.m., 401 E. State St., Trenton
- Wednesday, July 12 at 3 p.m., Millburn Public Library, 200 Glen Ave., Millburn.
- **Thursday, July 13** at 1 p.m., Stockton University, 101 Vera King Farris Drive, Galloway, Campus Center, Board of Trustees Room.

The DEP will consider comments made at these meetings and any comments received by the close of business on Wednesday, July 19, which is five days after the last public meeting, before formally adopting the draft plan.

Electronic comments may be submitted to: <u>watersupply@dep.nj.gov</u>. Please write "Draft Water Supply Plan Comments" in the subject line.

Written comments may be submitted to:

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Subject: Draft Water Supply Plan Comment

Prior to final adoption the DEP will consult with the New Jersey Water Supply Advisory Council, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council, the Pinelands Commission, the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust and the New Jersey Water Supply Authority as appropriate, in addition to consulting with public and private water purveyors. DEP has consulted these groups and others during development of draft revisions to the plan.

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